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Place of Next Meeting, Big Springs. Time, Tuesday After the First Sunday in September, 1918

To Preach Associational Sermon, A. A. Walker. Alternate H. L. Johnson

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Order of Business.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters
2. Miscellaneous
3. Receive Reports of Messengers
4. Miscellaneous
5. Appoint a Finance Committee
6. Miscellaneous
7. Receive Report of Standing Committee
8. Miscellaneous
9. Receive Treasurer's Report
10. Miscellaneous
11. Appoint Standing Committee
12. Miscellaneous
13. Receive Report of Nominating Committee
14. Miscellaneous
15. Call and Correct Roll and Read Minutes
16. Adjourn

DIRECTORY

Officers of the Association

H. H. Creekmore ..... Moderator
R J. Shuford ..... Clerk
J. W. Higginbotham ..... Treasurer

Ordained Ministers

J. M. Metts ..... Oxford
L. W. Metts ..... Oxford
Jas. B. Leavel ..... Oxford
F. W. Varner ..... Taylor, Route 1
W. J. Derrick ..... Water Valley
S H. Shepherd ..... Water Valley, Route 5
A. A. Walker ..... Water Valley
D. F. Hoyle ..... Paris
J. W. Lee ..... Batesville
T. Boxx ..... Pine Valley
L. Leavel ..... Oxford
W. D. House ..... Water Valley
J. R. Sumner ..... Water Valley
J. E. Goforth ..... Water Valley

Executive Board

Batesville—B. B. McCullough. Bethel—J. S. Martin Big Springs—E. W. Barton. Central—J. M. Windom. Concord—J. W. Higginbotham. Clear Creek—J. S. Lock, Courtland—Dr Woodruff. Dillards Chapel—J E Tramel. Enid—J. H. Gowen. Goodhope—S. A. Woodruff. Liberty Hill—Ossa Morris. Mt. Gilead—H Quin. New Liberty—A. J. McKee. Pilgrims Rest—Charley McGowen. New Prospect—E. P. Winter. Oxford—W. I. Hargis. Paris—E. F. Hogle. Pope—J. J. Packer. Shady Grove, P—Z. T. Epps. Shady Grove, Y—M. F. Edwards. Taylor—E. M. Taylor. Tocowa—Charley Tubbs. Union Grove—F. W. Thomas. Water Valley—W. M Vanderberg. Yellow Leaf—J. M. Johnson. McIva—Mark L. Moore. New Hope—George Henderson.

Standing Committee

Missions—W. I. Hargis, D. C. Badley, Walter Hunter
Sunday Schools—A. A. Walker, J. D. Woodruff, W W. Nash
Woman Work—J. R. Sumner, W. E. Hudson, W. M Vanderburg.
Publications—H L. Johnson, W. J Derrick, E. W. Barton
Education—J. W. Lee, B B. McCollough, R. H. McElroy
Orphanage—D. F. Hoyle. H. H. Johnson, J L Trusty
Aid to Old Preachers—J. W. Higginbotham, Boyd Jones, J. H Few
Hospitals—S. H. Shepherd, H. Quin, E. M. Taylor
Temperance—Mrs. Janie D. Ford, Mrs. J. R. Markette, Mrs. S. R McElroy

Budget Committee

R. W. Draper, Batesville District
Aubery Ware, Oxford District
J. I. Sumner. Water Valley District

State Convention

H. L. Johnson, W. I. Hargis, J W. Lee, J. R. Sumner
J. C. Given, W. M. Vanderburg

NOTE—The above Executive Committee and Standing Committee are the correct committees.

Standing Committees

Missions—J. W. Lee, L. B Lamb
Sunday Schools—L. P. Leavel, H. H. Johnson
Woman's Work—J. R Sumner, D C. Braddley
Publications—D F. Hoyle, F. W. Varner
Education—W. I Hargis, Elma Taylor
Orphanage—J. W. Higginbotham, A. R. Turpin
Aid to Old Preachers—A T. Bobo, J T. Johnson
Hospitals—W. J. Derrick, N. F. Metts
Temperance—R. H. McElroy, W. E. Hudson

Executive Board

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Boyd Jones, J D. Woodruff, J. L Dulin, J. H. Gowen
A. J. Joslin, J. C. Campbell, H Quinn, A. J. McKee
H. H. Johnson, R. H. McElroy, B. B. McCullough, D. F. Hoyle
H. V. Draper, J. J, Packer, S, H. Shepherd, J. J. Perkins
Sam Woodruff, W. P. Newsom

Central Committee

W. J. Derrick, J. A. Johnson, J. R. Sumner
E. H. Keating J. E. Goforth

Proceedings

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Water Valley, Miss, Sept. 4th, 1917,

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Forty-eighth Annual Session with the Water Valley Church, Tuesday, the 4th day of Sept., 1917, 10 o'clock A. M. The Association was call-

ed to order by Bro. H. L. Johnson, moderator. Bro Sumner was asked to lead in prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct the deliberations of the brethren. Song. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

On motion by Bro Lee, all messengers present, knowing they were duly elected to represent their church, be allowed to vote in the organization of the Association. So carried.

The Association proceeded to elect officers. Bro H. H. Creekmore was elected moderator, Bro J. W. Lee was requested to cast the vote for the Association. Bro R. J. Shuford was nominated for clerk. Bro J. H. Sumner was requested to cast the vote for the Association. Bro J. W. Higginbotham was elected treasurer, Bro W. M. Vanderberg being requested to cast the vote of the Association.

The following committee on digest of letters was appointed: Bros W. I. Hargis, B. B. McCollough, Elma Taylor.

The Association adopted same order of busines as last year

Bro J. W. Lee made verbal report of attendance at State Convention, and visit to Yalobusha Association.

E. M. Taylor was elected to attend the S. B. Convention, to be held at Hot Springs, and Bro J. H Sumner was authorized to raise the proper fund for expenses.

Report on missions was read by Bro J. W Lee (Missions)

Noon hour having arrived the Association adjourned for lunch in the basement. Closed by prayer by Bro Oscar Hill.

EVENING SESSION 1:30

Association united in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Bro Lee

The following finance committee was appointed: J. A. Woodruff, Bro Sumner, Bro Vanderberg.

The following committe on Sunday Schools was appointed: Bro J. R. Sumner.

Bro J. R Sumner read report on woman's work. Received and adopted

On motion of Bro Walker and carried, that Bro J. W. Lee preach the Association sermon 7:30 p m

Song. "Jesus, lover of my soul." Bro E. A. Jennings was requested to talk on Hospital after 7:30 service.

The following committee was appointed on aid to aged ministers: E. M Taylor, S H. Shepherd, Bro Brister.

The following committee was appointed on Hospital: Bro J. W. Lee, Walter Hunter, E. W. Barton.

The following time of meeting was adopted: Open 9 o'clock a.m. Recess 12 o'clock. Adjourn at pleasure.

On motion of Bro H. L. Johnson The Association adjourned meet 7:30 for Associational sermon. Closed by prayer by ro H. L. Johnson. Song, "Blest be the tie that binds."

The Association reconvened at 7:30, Bro Lee preached om Romans iii. 23, "For all have sinned, and come short of e glory of God."

After the sermon Bro E. A. Jennings spoke on the Hospital. ro Jennings called for the song "He Leadeth Me," his favorite ng. Close of first day work.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Association met at 9:25, Song, 'Blessed assurance, Jesus mine," Prayer by Bro Walker, Song. "Wnat a friend we ave in Jesus,"

The following nominating committee was appointed: B. B. McCollough, J. B. Woodruff, J. W. Higginbotham,

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro J. H. Sumner,

Report on digest of letters read by Bro Hargis, Received nd adopted.

Bro, J. W. Lee was elected a member of the State Board.

Report on Publication read by Bro. Hoyle

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. J. W Higginbotham.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30. Closed by prayer, Bro. Shepherd.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Association met 1:30.

Song: "I am Praying for You."

Bro, Creekmore called on Bro. Hargis to lead the prayer, and requested special prayer for our soldier boys that have been called to war.

The following committee was appointed: Central Committee Bro John Brown. Arthur McCown, Ed Collier, H. L. Johnson, W. I. Hargis

Nominating Committee: B. B. McCullough, J. D. Woodruff, J W. Higginbotham.

Report on Orphanage, read by Bro. Higginbotham. Received and adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers, read by Bro. Shepherd. Received and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee, by Bro. Sumner. Received and adopted,

Executive Board Report, received and adopted.

Nominating Committee, received and adopted.

It was moved that Bro. W. I. Hargis and Aubury Wiles be appointed a committee to arrange for an Associational Sunday School Convention for 5th Sunday in Sept., 1917.

Next Association to meet with Big Springs, Bro. A. A. Walker to preach Associational sermon; Bro. H. L. Johnson, alternate, Tuesday after 1st Sunday in Sept., 1918.

The following time of meeting was adopted: Open 9 o'clock a. m.; Recess, 12 o'clock; Adjourn at pleasure.

On motion of Bro. H. S. Johnson, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 for Associational sermon. Closed by song: "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer, Bro. H. L. Johnson.

The Association reconvened at 7:30. Bro Lee preached from Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And Bro. Jennings called for the song, "He Leadeth Me," his favorite song. Close 2nd day's work.

R. J SHUFORD, Clerk.

Report on Missions.

Preaching the gospel and teaching an observance of all the commands of Jesus to the entire world is the missionary task. It is a stupendous one, and yet not so great but that it can be accomplished if undertaken in the spirit and power of our Lord. It is an individual task in that each and every individual christian must perform his part of the work. We have watched in amazement the seeming success of Germany in the now pending world strife. The reason assigned for this is, that every German subject, man, woman and child, feels individually responsible for its success and are laying themselves out to the limit to win. Should this same spirit pulsate every christian breast what might we not expect in the next decade in the giving of the gospel to the lost? Among our people there is in a large degree a spirit of exemption seeking and in some instances even "slacking". This is only the disposition of the individual to shift the work to others. Easy will be the task of giving the gospel to the world when each disciple of Jesus in love and gratitude assumes his part and lays himself out to the limit to this end.

The word missions has long been used in the restricted sense of spreading the gospel and teaching in spiritual things, in recent years, however, it is coming into its real own in that it is being made to embrace every phase of christian activity. when we review the efforts of God's servants to give the gospel to the world we have much to encourage.

Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission Board, through which the work of foreign missions is being conducted, has now laborers in seven countries, viz: Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico. The churches on the foreign field number 458 with a membership of 47161. There were during the past year 6,347 baptisms. The missionaries now in the foreign field number 307 and 809 native workers. The Board received last year besides the debt on the Board and the Judson Centennial notes the sum of $560,767.52. Of this amount $54,775 61 were spent for home expenses of every kind, leaving &529,405 03 that actually reached the missionaries on the field. On a percentage basis 90 7-10 per cent of every dollar given to foreign missions reached the missionary while 9 3-10 per cent was required to meet all home expenses.

Home Missions.

The department of our Home Mission Work are; Church Extension, Evangelism, Publicity, Mountain Schools and Enlistment. In all of these very gratifying results in the work have been obtained. In nearly all of the Southern States many churches have received aid in the erection of houses of worship from the Extension fund. The evangelists under the employ of the Board have been instrumental in the adding of multitudes to the churches. Many books and tracts have been issued by the publicity departmment and these given a wide distribution. As a result our people have gained in knowledge of the work and there has come a proportionate increased interest in the work. The 36 mountain schools maintained and operated by the Home Board have a property value of $694,300, a teaching force of 201 and students numbering 5,704, among these are 117 ministerial students.

The total receipts of the Board during the past year were $588,904.55. It is thus seen that this is a work of no mean proportions.

State Missions.

This department of our great missionary program should come very close home to the heart of each Mississippi Baptist since it has to do with the evangelizing of our beloved State and the making of it a Baptist empire. During the past year the sum of $38,473 68 has been raised and expended in our State work. At the meeting of the State Convention in November last a five year program was adopted which sets forth a definite schedule of work for the next five years. At the re-

quest of our State secretary this program is inserted and is as follows :

Five Year Program.

I. Something to Do.

1. To pay all existing debts on denominational institutions and clear the slate of debt.

2. To collect all outstanding subscriptions to denominational institutions.

3. To increase the subscription list of The Baptist Record to 15,000 paid in advance subscribers.

4. To increase our contributions to missions—State, Home and Foreign—ten per cent each year for the five year period

5. To perfect the organization of our Sunday School, B. Y. P. U, Laymen,s and Woman s Missionary Union forces as now being projected by the convention,

6 To work and pray for (1) the salvation of souls ; (2) that God may add to his Churches the saved ; (3) for a Scriptural standard of living among all our churches that will insure spiritual power,

II How to Do It.

1. That the convention adopt the budget system.

2. That a committee of fifteen be appointed by the convention to serve for one year, to be known as the Baptist Committee. This committee shall report to the convention a budget covering every object fostered by the convention. This budget, when it is adopted by the convention, to be the budget of the year.

3. That the budget, after it is fixed by the convention be referred to the Convention Board, and the board be charged with the responsibility of putting into operation the budget, that is, with the work of bringing the budget to the attention of the associations and churches for their consideration and adoption.

4. That this plan of work shall not be interrupted as excluding special campaigns for special objects, the endowment of colleges and schools and the equipment of denominational institutions, etc, but it is to be interpreted as meaning that all campaigns whether originating within or without the State shall first be approved by the convention.

5. That this plan of work shall not be interpreted as interfering with the rights of any commission or board of trustees now in existence or that may be created in the future, but

shall apply only to the putting into operation of the budget fixed by the convention.

6. That the Convention Board shall consist of one member from each association in the State co-operating with the convention through the nominating committee from the nominees made by the district association, each association nominating its own member of the board, the convention making its own nominations in case the association fails to suggest a name. The board to remain as it is until the next session of the convention at which time the new board shall be elected as follows: One third to be elected for one year, one third for two years and one third for three years. Thereafter at each session of the convention the one third whose term of office expires shall be elected for three years, all vacancies to be filled by the convention.

7. This program and schedule of operation (with the exception of the creation of the new board as provided for in section 6) shall become operative with the session of the convention.

Your committee would make the following recommendations: (1) A recognition of the fact that the difference between state, home, and foreign missions is only a difference in the kind of work we do. Missions is one whether in the home land or on the foreign field. (2.) A more hearty and sympathetic cooperation with our Boards, who are our servants and to whom has been committed to the work of directing the forces, (3) A greater use of mission tracts and a greater effort to increase the circulation of our Mission Journal, (4) More earnest prayer for all the work and the workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEE.
L. B. LAMB.

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, feel that there no cause nearer to the heart of our Lord or work more acceptable unto Him than for the helpless orphan child. By many words and deeds did He manifest His interest in the children. He gave it as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion to care for the widow and orphans in their affliction. There are many ways in which we as christian people can carry out the will of our Master in this regard.

The plan of the work decided on was the establishment of a home for the orphan children which has now been in operation nineteen years. From a small beginning in a rented home,

we have grown until we now have house room for 225 children with a property in houses and lands of more than $100,000.

We have cared for in nineteen years about 800 children, many of whom have gone out from the home and are filling useful positions in the world.

We have no endowment except in the love and loyalty of our people.

Our children in our Orphanage are under the influence of christian people and are being trained in morals and religion and are sent to school eight months out of each year.

While our children are being trained in all manner of work they are also contributing largely to their own support, so that the expense of caring for each child including matron's hire and schooling, is only about $5 or $6 per month. We feel that this is a laudable and worthy work for christian people and urge our churches and Sunday schools of this Association to contribute liberally to our orphanage. We heartily recommend the plan of once a month giving for our Sunday schools and a liberal thanksgiving offering for all our of churches. Give each member of the Sunday school and each member of the church an opportunity to give at these stated occasions, and our Orphanage will be comfortably provided for.

We are glad ro report good health among our children during the year, no deaths and not a case of serious sickness. We have not a case of pallagra in the institution and the management feels they have learned how to manage the incoming cases.

We would further recommend that in addition to cash contributions, our churches and Sunday schools send boxes of clothing, good second hand clothing acceptible groceries of all kinds; syrup, shoes, hose (mostly large ones] and any other things that can be used in providing for children. We would also recommend that our pastors and the people of the several communities exercise great care in sending children to the home and send only those who cannot be cared for in any other way, and pray for the success of the home and of the children.

Submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM

J. S. JOHNSON.

Spoken to by Bros. J. W. Higginbotham and H. L. Johnson. Received and adopted.

Digest of Letters.

Your Committee on Digest of Letters, submits the follow-

ing report: We would insist on more care in making up the letters, as it is well nigh impossible to get up a correct digest of the letters, as many of them do not show just what certain amounts were contributed for, as the entire offering, in some cases, is reported, without the special objects for which it was given, being clearly designated.

Your Committee finds the following facts: 22 churches represented by both messengers and letters, 1 Enid, by messenger and no letter. The following not represented by either letter or messenger: New Prospect, Union Grove. 15 reported Sunday schools, with a total of 1712, and 165 officers and teachers Additions to the churches, 371; decrease, 147; net decrease 224

Contributions: Home missions, $547.32; Foreign missions, $1.015.83; State missions, $1.183.83. Increase over last year in Foreign missions, $13 54; State missions, $528.72; decrease in Home missions, $140 47; leaving a net increase for the three missions of $402.29 over the preceding year.

Contributions for all other objects, including pastor's salary, church building, etc., $12,180.93. This added to the three missions gives a grand total of $15,073.90. And yet these figures do not exactly represent the finances of the Association, as some of the churches did not report pastor's salary, and doubtless, some of them fell short on the assessments reported, and some sent no letter. This is only approximate.

W. I. HARGIS,
B. B. McCULLOUGH,
E. M TAYLOR

Note: Liberty Hill reports a Sunday school at a school house, in addition to the Sunday school at church. Also the Oxford church reports two Sunday schools at outlying school houses,

Received and adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief.

There is a scripture which you will recognize as the basis of this caption, "If any man provides not for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." There is a similar scripture which says, "As we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith."

No object fostered by our denomination has a stronger claim upon us than the maintenance of our ministers, who by reason of old age or disease, are no longer able to earn a sup-

port in active service.

Nor should we provide for the disabled minister alone; the faithful wife, who, after all, is the one that makes the greatest sacrifices for the cause, has quite as sacred a charge as the preacher himself.

At present, our list of beneficiaries numbers about 19, ten old ministers and nine ministers' widows. We rejoice that God put it in the heart of Mrs Henderson to give the home of Gen. George to be used for the home of the ministers, which will be ready for use soon.

Your Committee would recommend: 1. Special prayer be made for these. 2 That the names of these old ministers be published in the Minutes of the Association. 3. That as far as practicable, arrangements be made for some of these old brethren invited to our Association next year, in order that they may enjoy the sweet fellowship of their brethren, which will mean so much to us all.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEPHERD,
E. M. TAYLOR.

Spoken to by Bro. Shepherd.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Every Baptist church should maintain a Sunday school. Many churches ought to keep up more than one school. Liberty Hill church has two schools. Yellow Leaf church keeps up two schools. Yellow Leaf is assisted in one of these schools by Dr. Hargis of the Oxford church. There may be other churches in the Oxford Association that has more than one school. If so, their work is not known to your committee.

The object of each school should be to teach the lost the way to Christ; and to teach the saved in Christ to do all the things that Jesus commanded His first disciples to do.

Every Baptist should be interested in the Sunday school in the church of which he is a member. Every church member ought to be a part of the Sunday school in his church. In this all should not seek to be teachers; but all should strive to be a patient pupil of the great Teacher, Jesus Christ.

No one should refuse to accept the position of teacher because of a sense of inability; and yet, no one should undertake to teach a Bible lesson without having given some time to the study of how to teach the lesson to be taught to the pupils to be taught. No teacher should be satisfied with anything short of the very best preparation for his work. A careful study of the books for the normal course would help any teacher. The

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Normal Manuel is specially recommended.

The observing of special day by the Sunday school will be helpful. This will require work; but this work will be abundantly rewarded. No work which Jesus commanded to be done, in His name, prompted by the spirit whom He has given, will be fruitless.

J. R. SUMNER.

Report on Education.

Your committee much prefers the subject Education, a more general and comprehensive subject, than the more restricted subject, Christian Education, as the subject has been heretofore.

Baptists as citizens, like others, are interested in the subject of general education, both Secular and Christian There is not a Baptist school in all the country, that does not promote secular education. Their courses of study are such as you will find in other schools. In addition to these, they as denominational schools, are supposed to especially emphasize morals and religion, even where there is no Bible department. The difference, then, is the state school and the denominational school, consists mainly in the fact that the latter is under denominational management, with a full christian faculty and special emphasis is placed on moral and religious training,along with the literary, scientific and vocational training.

Many Baptist boys and girls each year attend the state schools. There are various reasons for this. Some of the reasons are good and some are not, But whatever may be said to the credit of the state schools, and whatever may be the reasons for Baptists patronizing them, it is true that every thing considered, it is better for Baptists to patronize their own schools :

1. Because they are our schools, and we should patronize our own institutions above all others, and thereby show our loyalty to them.

2. They should have our financial support. They could not exist but for our patronage and financial support.

3. They give as good advantages from the scientific and literary standpoints as the state institutions.

4. They throw about our boys and girls far safer and more wholesome restraining moral and religious influences than do the state schools.

5. It is a fact that a very large percent of those who have made themselves felt in the world's activities, and leadership,

have gone out from the Christian Colleges of this country.

Baptists are at the front in the matter of education They have three schools in Mississippi, owned and operated by the denomination, namely, Mississippi College, The Woman's College at Hattiesburg and Clark Memorial College, at Newton, Miss. This latter school is co-educational, Mississippi College is strictly for boys and The Woman's College is strictly for girls. All of these schools are rendering splendid service to the cause of education, and especially to Christian education.

Southern Baptists have two splendid seminaries, one at Louisville, Ky., and the other at Fort Worth, Tex. Baptists are not behind the chieftest in education. No denomination has a stronger ministry.

W. I. HARGIS,
E. M. TAYLOR.

Spoken to by W. I Hargis, Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, Bro. J. W. Lee. Beceived and adopted.

Report on Hospitals.

Matthew tells us (Matt. 4,2,3) that Jesus went all about Galilee teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing all manner of diseases among the people. This one verse reveals the three fold work of Jesus, viz: meeting the needs of the mind, the spirit and the body.

Man was made in the "image and likeness" of God. This image is chiefly in man's tri-unity. As God is revealed to us as a triunity; Father, Son and Spirit, so man is a triunity in his being, viz, spirit, soul (or mind) and body, herein is he in the "image and likeness" of God.

Paul recognized this triunity when he wrote to the Thessolonians saying: "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ" 1st Thes, 5:23.

The work of Jesus was to meet this three fold need of man, hence we find him teaching, preaching and healing.

Our work in the Master's absence is to do the work he did while here. He tells us: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." Jno. 14.12. Jesus evidently does not refer here to the work of redemption and atonement, because these are peculiarly his work which we accept by faith nor does he refer to the quality of work when he says: "Greater work than these shall he do" but beyond doubt he meant greater in quantity and the same kind which was min-

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istering to the mind, spirit and body. Ministering to the spirit does not come within the province of this report, but the body only.

Baptists have been pioneers and leaders in building schools and colleges to meet, in a measure, the needs of the mind of our youths, and also in preaching the gospel at home and abroad and thus ministering to the need of the Spirit, but it is recent years that we have, by an enlarged vision, come to see our duty to minister to the body.

We have done much, however, in these few years and are planning to do larger things. Mississippi Baptists have built a modern, sanitary, well equipped hospital at Jackson, which is doing a good work both in the charity and pay departments, but an embarrassing debt is upon it,

The liberal and self-sacrificing spirit of our people is depended on to pay off this debt and put the hospital in a position to do the great work for which it was built.

The Baptists of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi have planned a very large three wing Hospital in Memphis. One wing has been completed and in operation for several years When this Hospital was opened it had a debt of more than one hundred thousand dollars hanging over it,

The profits of the pay department of the Hospital will take care of this debt, and it is not the purpose of the Trustees to ever ask the denomination for a single cent to help pay off this debt, but the Hospital is crowded to overflowing so that there is an immediate need of another wing of the same size and capacity as the one already built. Our Heavenly Father has given us favor with the people so that they are coming to us in great numbers for care and treatment. This seems to be a challenge to us to larger things. Will we rise in our strength and loyalty to Christ and meet the challenge?

A contract has been recently let for the building of a new wing which when completed and fully furnished will cost about $250,000

The Baptists and friends in Memphis and Shelby county, Tenn., and the Delta section of Mississippi will give $200,000 and the remainder of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi are asked to give $50,000,

Let earnest prayer be made for the success of this great work. Let a liberal spirit be our, that success may speedily be ours in the service of the Lord.

J. W. LEE.

Spoken to by Bros, Lee and Jennings, Report read and adopted,

Report on Publications.

No denomination is richer in denominational literature than the Baptists. The Baptists in every state have one or more denominational papers through which denominational information is given, and the doctrines peculiar to Baptists are kept before the people. Besides, they constitute splendid mediums of general religious news, as well as articles that are devotional and spiritually uplifting.

No Baptist can be said to be well informed, who does not take and read one of these papers. Especially does every Baptist need to read his state paper. There are at least two reasons why he should read his state denominational paper: First, it could not exist unless it had an adequate financial support. Therefore every Baptist family should take it in order that it may have the necessary financial support. Second, every Baptist needs the information he can get from no other source. Every Baptist should wish to be a well informed Baptist in the things of the Kingdom, and to keep in touch with the work of the denomination.

Every department of our work has a publication to present its work Our Home and Foreign mission boards each have an organ in Home, Field and Foreign mission journals. Our Woman's mission work has a publication known as the Royal Service. In Mississippi we have Orphanage Gem, through which we are enabled to keep in touch with our orphanage work. We have a series of S. S. publications the equal, if not superior to any similar publications. Our Baptist Young Peoples' Union has a splendid publication known as the B. Y. P. U Quarterly which is par excellent, in its arrangement and subject matter

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None of the current literature publications are expensive. One can get our state paper, the Baptist Record, Orphanage Gem, the Home and Foreign Mission Journal, all for $2.50. Royal Service for the Women, for 25 cts.

There are a number of good books, written by Baptists, that our people should read. We have regularly been publishing a large variety of tracts covering a wide field of religious thought, that may be had for the asking.

Baptists have no excuse for being ignorant of denominational information. Let us buy more books and read more.

Submitted by the committee,

D. F. HOYLE,
F. W. VARNER.

Spoken to by Bros. Lee and Fall.

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Mrs. Knox made her report, and told us that only two secretaries had sent in quarterly reports this year, Water Valley and Oxford.

Mrs. H. B. Carr of Water Valley read The State Policy for the year.

Conditions in our Association, written by Miss Hattie Dickens of Batesville read by Mrs. Peacock of Water Valley, with special stress laid on the fact that we have never provided an expense account for our superintendent. This was spoken to by Miss Lackey, also Mrs. B. A. Boydston of Water Valley. The following societies made pledges: Water Valley $2, Oxford $2, Batesville $1, Taylor $1, Clear Creek $1. Total $7.

Talk on Training School by Mrs. Eads of Oxford.

The Circle Plan, by Mrs. Ed Kennedy of Water Valley.

Water Valley and Oxford having adopted this plan Miss Lackey explained how a circle plan could be carried out in country societies

The following societies reported:

Oxford. Mrs L. J Farley, President	$718 01

Report of Treasurer

Received of finance committee	$109 50
For minutes	62 90
State missions	20 50
Home missions	18 50
Foreign missions	7 00
Expense of delegates to Southern Baptist Con.	60
Total	$109 50

Submitted by treasurer J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM

Report of Nominating Committee

We the nominating committee make the following recommendations: Place of meeting, Big Springs Church. Time, Tuesday after first Sunday in September, 1918. To preach the sermon, Bro. A. A. Walker. Alternate, Bro H. L. Johnson.

Submitted by committee, B. B. M'COLLOUGH
J. D. WOODRUFF
J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM

Apportionment for 1918

	Sate Mis	Home Mis	Foreing Mis	Total
Batesville	$ 110 00	$ 80 00	$ 110 00	$ 300 00
Bethel	20 00	15 00	20 00	55 00
Big Springs	25 00	25 00	25 00	75 00
Central	55 00	40 00	55 00	150 00
Concord	37 50	25 00	37 50	100 00
Clear Creek	35 00	35 00	40 00	110 00
Courtland	22 50	15 00	40 00	77 50
Dillards Chapel	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Enid	18 00	14 00	18 00	50 00
Goodhope	20 00	15 00	20 00	55 00
Liberty Hill	20 00	15 00	20 00	55 00
Mt Gilead	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
New Liberty	5 50	4 00	5 50	15 00
New Prospect	25 00	20 00	25 00	70 00
Oxford	650 00	450 00	650 00	1750 00
Paris	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Pilgrims Rest	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
Pope	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
Shady Grove, P	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Shady Grove, Y	3 50	3 00	3 50	10 00
Tocowa	1o oo	1o oo	1o oo	3o oo
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Water Valley	450 00	300 00	450 00	1200 00
Yellow Leaf	9 00	7 00	9 00	25 00
Taylor	8 00	9 00	8 00	25 00
McIva	15 00	15 00	15 00	45 00

W. I. HARGIS, Chairman

J. C. GIVEN, Sec. Pro.

By order of the Executive Board W. I. Hargis was made permanent chairman, and E. M. Taylor permanent secretary, for the ensuing year.

Read and adopted.

Churches, and Messengers Present

Shady Grove, P. J J Perkins, Gerry Fisher, Z P Epps
Tocowa Letter but no messenger
Shady Grove, Y. F M Edwards
Big Springs. H L Johnson, Mrs H L Johnson, E W B
Oxford. W I Hargis, Mrs C Longest Mrs Eades, Mrs Farley Mrs. Matthews
Water Valley. A A Walker, J L Ware, H H Creekmore, W M Vanderburg, Prof C S Bingham, J Leland Trusty, J D O'linger, J W Thorne
Batesville. J W Lee, R J Shuford, B B McCollough, Mrs M B Knox
New Liberty. J C Forshee, Sam Shepherd, N J McKee, J W Ferrell
Taylor. E M Taylor, R F Fisher, Mrs Eugene Walker, Kathleen Taylor
Clear Creek. Mrs J D J, Mrs W J J, J D J, G C McElroy, Mrs S R McElroy, Mrs G C McElroy
Liberty Hill. John Taylor, A C Burns, Ada Johnson, Myrtle Burns
Goodhope. J A Woodruff
McIva. R L Moore
Yellow Leaf. L Fudge, Mrs L Fudge, Basin Fudge, Mrs Basin Fudge
Pilgrims Rest. J R Sumner, C A McCown, Irene Byers, Effie Lock
Bethel. John Martin, Darson Badley, Blanton Carothers, J T Johnsie, Mrs J B S
Dillards Chapel. J E Tramell
Pope. J J Packer
Courtland. J D Woodruff, Dr I T Woodruff
Enid. H C Gowen. No letter
Mt Gilead, H Few, G A Weaver, H Quin
Central, Mrs J H Avant

Paris. D F Hoyle
New Prospect. R R Moore, B T Winter

There being no further business the Association closed. to meet with Big Springs Church, 1918. Prayer by Bro H. L Johnson.

Proceeding of W. M. U. Oxford Association

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Ten societies reported to this session of the Oxford Association. Submitted by Committee J. R SUMNER
D. C. BADLEY

Spoken to by Bros, Sumner, Lee, Hargis, Johnson, Walker.

Report of Finance Committee

The following amounts have been received and paid to the tereasurer, for which we have his receipt:

Expenses delegates to S, B. C	$ 60
Minutes	62 90
State missions	20 50
Home missions	18 50
Foreign missions	7 00
Total	$109 50

Submitted by committee, J. A WOODRUFF
W. H. VANDERBERG
J. R. SUMNER

Watsr Valley. Mrs H B Carr, President	662 86
Batesville. Mrs M B Knox, President	123 2o
Courtland. Mrs J T Oliver, President	41 oo
Taylor. Mrs Genie Walker, President	58 25
Clear Creek. Mrs S R McElroy, President	52 92
Bethel. Mrs Sumner, President	39 82
Big Springs Mrs G W Fair, President	36 75
McIvor. Mrs John Bailey, President	31 2o
Batesville Juniors. Mrs C W Roberson, President	52 8o
Total	$1816 81

Motion made and carried to send a box to a missionary and his family on the frontier this fall, each society making garments for one member of the family, the box to be packed in Batesville at a time the superintendent will set.

A few words of greeting from Natchez by Mrs Chas Shaw

Mrs Longest of Oxford gave a very interesting talk on the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Miss Lackey told us something about The Budget System, as applying to the W. M. U.

The nominating committee report Mrs M B Knox for superintendent, Mrs J R Markette for secretary.

A vote was taken, which resulted in their election. Meeting adjourned, with prayer by Mrs Farley of Oxford.

Respectfull submitted, MRS. H. V. WILLIAMS, Sec
MRS. M. B. KNOX, Supt

Our Dead.

Batesville—Mrs. C. E. Jeffress, Thos. Keaton,
Bethel—Cal Vines, Tilman Wilburn,
Big Springs—J. A Patton.
Dillard's Chapel—Doxly Miller, Lizzie Foster,
Good Hope—J. A. Baker.
Liberty Hill—Sister M. E. Burns,
Oxford—Miss Irene Potts, Mrs. C. W. Harris, John Buffaloe, J. W. Avant, Mrs. F. S. Leavell.
Pilgrim's Rest—Sister Anna Collier.
Water Valley—Bro. J. K. Hervey, Sister M. W. Jackson, Sister J. C. Chapman, Sister Katharine Underhill.
Shady Grove P.—Miss Mabel Fisher, Van Trawick.
Shady Grove Y.—Doyle Edwards,
McIvor—Houston Wilkerson.

Receipt to the Finance Committee.

Received of Finance Committee, Oxford Baptist Associa-

tion One Hundred and Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents ($109 50)

This Sept, 5th, 1917.

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Constitution.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body and unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissimination of the gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath schools also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry All christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement among which the support of superannuated and wornout ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3 The delegated presented representing churches shall during the session present their letters of correspondence which must state their appointment, together with their number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into such failure.

Article 5 Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letter.

Article 6 This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the delegates enrolled, A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly,

Article 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there are churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

Article 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

Rules of Decorum.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call order at any time,

Article 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other.

Article 4. The Moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie,

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator put to a vote of the Association a majority of whom shall govern and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator,

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moder-

ator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for Associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

Article 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Churches	Pastor Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S S Expenses	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges Schools	Hospitals	Other Objects	Total	Value Ch Property
Batesville	$600	179 50			7 50	84 17	105	140	85 60		15 00	141	45 00	77 85	147302	4000
Bethel	130	50 00	5 00		2 00		6 00	5 80						30 00	198 80	800
Big Springs	115				3 00	16 10	15 00	13 25	19 30		26 75			17 45	225 85	1000
Courtland	150		20 00		2 00	14 10	13 00	13 00			30 00				241 10	4500
Clear Creek	250		12 01	11 93	5 80	43 31	42 10	39 66	28 32		37 50			5 00	476 03	6000
Dillard Chapel	75	103 50		2 90	1 00		2 00								184 40	350
Mt. Gilead	90		50		1 20	3 00	4 00	4 00							102 70	652
Goodhope	101			5 00	2 50	20 00	20 75	20 75						16 40	186 40	1000
Liberty Hill	100	11 15	1 00	13 34	2 05	8 55	4 00	4 00						32 10	175 00	1500
New Prospect					2 50										2 50	
New Liberty					1 50		3 00	3 00						13 61	21 11	
Oxford	1949	2634 40	49856	23752	10 00	58080	27041	53537	15033	75 52		27 75	26 46	476 17	748644	
Pilgrims Rest			2 10	23 96	1 40		10 65	13 00	2 75					9 60	63 46	1000
Paris						5 50									5 50	400
Pope	100				1 50					2 75					103 25	1000
Tocowa	125			6 00	2 00	5 75								10 00	138 75	1000
Taylor	100		10 00	16 50	1 75	1 75	5 25	5 25	31 00			5 00			686 25	800
Water Valley	1800	1116 48	50978	22990	10 00	400	23006	200	13109	65 00	42 55	365	225	318 96	591765	27500
Shady Grove, P				2 00	2 10		2 00	1 75						5 10	12 95	
Shady Grove, Y						2 00	2 00								4 00	400
McIva	100				2 00	6 30	15 00	15 00						15 50	163 50	600
Yellow Leaf	100				3 10	10 00								15 75	128 85	1000

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Churches	Superintendent	Address	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Baptisms from Sch	Members of Church	Contributions Expenses, etc	Contributions From B Y P U	Orphanage	Other Objects
Batesville	L. B. Lamb	Batesville	9	110						
Bethel	Murdock Thronton	Water Valley	6	75	5	25	20 00			
Big Springs	Ira Hudson	Water Valley R 3					6 00			
Courtland	Sam C Bailey	Courtland	8	70						
Clear Creek	G. C. McElroy	Oxford R 2	9	107	11	62				
Dillard Chapel			5	85	6	19				
Goodhope	T. A. Woodruff	Batesville R 1	5	20	2	10				
Liberty Hill	O. D. McCullar	Pope	7	62	4	27				
New Prospect			7	80						
New Liberty	Sam Shepherd	Water Valley R 3	7		5					
Oxford	Dr C. Longest	University	40	262	8	171	237 52	95 85	40 08	34 27
Pilgrims Rest	J. C. Broome	Shuford	10	80			23 96			
Paris	M. L. Wilson	Paris								
Pope	J. J. Packer	Pope	6	24	2	20	5 00			
Tocowa	L. H. Shuford	Tocowa	4	30		6	6 00			
Taylor	J. G. Harule	Taylor	6	65		21	9 00			
Shady Grove, P	Z. T Epps	Central Academy	3	25	6	10	2 00			
McIva	B. Vansickle	Batesville R 3	4	40			6 30			
Yellow Leaf	J E. Hargis	Oxford	5	24		6	4 11			

CHURCH RECORD

Churches	Gain by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Loss by Letter	By Expulsion	By Death	Present Membership	Pastor	Address	Clerks	Address
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Big Springs	9	2	1	2		1	103	N. F. Metts	Oxford	W. E. Hudson	R 3 Water Valley
Courtland		1		3			39	J. P. Neal	Courtland	F. W. Bailey	Courtland
Clear Creek	11		1	24			188	W. I. Hargis	University	Boyd Jones	Burgess
Dillard Chapel	21	8				2	102	Ira Metts	Oxford R 2	J. E. Tramel	Oxford R 2
Mt. Gilead		1			1		48	A. A. Walker	Water Valley	H. Cuin	Water Valley R 1
Goodhope	3					1	36	J W. Lee	Batesville	A. S. Woodruff	Batesville R 1
Liberty Hill	21		3	12	1	1	142	H. L. Johnson	Water Valley	John Tyler	Pope
New Prospect		1		1			196				
Oxford	26	39	2	25	1	5	416	J. B. Leavell	Oxford	J. E. Hargis	Oxford
Pilgrims Rest	4	4		2		1	112	J. R. Sumner	Water Valley	J. C. Broome	Shuford
Paris	10			1			42	D. F. Hoyle	Paris	W. J Moorehead	Paris
Pope	12	5		8		1	47	J. C. Given	Pope	W. H. Bemis	Pope
Tocowa	9	1		1			43	J. C. Given	Pope	C. R. Tubbs	Batesville
Taylor							61	J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	J. B Moore	Taylor
Water Valley	52	47		14	3	4	630	A. A. Walker	Water Valley	G. R. Wood	Water Valley
Shady Grove, P	9	3		3		2	78	J. R. Sumner	Water Valley	J. J. Perkins	Central Academy
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McIva						1	109	J. O. Hill	Sardis	R. L. Moore	Sardis R 2
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There were two visitors from other Associations, Mrs. Chas. Shaw of Carey Association, and Mrs. Baskerville of Calhoun.

Mrs. Knox made her report, and told us that only two societies had sent in quarterly reports this year, Water Valley and Oxford. Mrs. H. B. Carr of Water Valley read The State Policy for the Year. "Conditions in our Association," written by Miss Hattie Dickins of Batesville, read by Mrs. Peacock of Water Valley, with special stress laid on the fact that we have never provided an expense account for our superintendent. This was spoken to by Miss Lackey, and Mrs. B A. Boydston of Water Valley. The following societies made pledges, Water Valley $2, Oxford $2, Batesville $1, Taylor $1, Clear Creek $1. Total $7.

Talk on Training School, Mrs. Eads of Oxford. The Circle Plan, Mrs. Ed Kennedy of Water Valley. Water Valley and Oxford having adopted this plan Miss Lackey explained how a circle plan could be carried out in rural societies.

The following societies reported:—

Oxford Mrs. L. J. Farley president	$718 01
Water Valley, Mrs. H. B. Car president	662 86
Batesville, Mrs. M. B. Knox president	123 2o
Courtland, Mrs J T. Oliver president	41 oo
Taylor, Mrs. Genie Walker president	58 25
Clear Creek, Mrs. S. R. McElroy president	52 92
Bethel, Mrs. Sumner president	39 82
Big Springs, Mrs. G. W. Fair president	36 75
McIver, Mrs. John Bailey president	31 2o
Batesville Juniors, Mrs. C. W. Roberson pres	52 8o

Motion made and carried to send a box to a missionary and his family on the frontier this fall, each society making garments for one member of same, the box to be packed in Batesville at a time the superintendent will set.

A few words of greeting from Natchez by Mrs. Chas. Shaw.

Mrs. Longest of Oxford gave a very interesting talk on the Church Building and Loan Fund. Miss Lackey told us something about the Budget System as applying to the W. M. U. The nominating committee reported, Mrs. M. B. Knox, superintendent. Mrs. J. R. Markette, secretary. A vote was taken, which resulted in their election. Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Farley of Oxford. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. M. KNOX, Supt. MRS. H. V. WILLIAMS, Secretary

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